

Right Honourable Elin Jones MS  
Llywydd and Chair, Business Committee

22 May 2025

Dear Elin,

**Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill**

Thank you for your letter, dated 13 May 2025, seeking the Committee's views on the proposed timetable for scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill ('the Bill'). The Committee considered the proposed timetable at its 22 May meeting.

Further to my letter, dated 17 April 2025, the Deputy First Minister has helpfully shared an in-confidence copy of the draft Bill and Explanatory Memorandum with the Committee, and with key stakeholders. Early feedback from stakeholders suggests that early sight of the proposals will allow them sufficient time to prepare to give oral evidence on the Bill at the end of the summer term. This will help minimise overlap between Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill and Stage 2 scrutiny of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill in the autumn term.

Given the above, we are content with the proposed scrutiny timetable.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd MS,  
Chair, Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee  
Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. / We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.